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## From the Desk of Pastor Rob

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assisting minister reads this prayer every week in worship when we bring up the offering and present it at the altar. What does it mean to use our selves, time, and possessions? Another way to look at this is our time, talents, and treasures, the 3 T's if you will. It is through those 3 T's that the work of the church is done. How we maintain those 3 T's is has become known as stewardship. All three of the T's are necessary for stewardship, not just the treasure. As we have come to realize in the last few months, volunteers have become an important facet of the function of this congregation and maintaining it on a day-to-day basis. That giving of our time and talents has been an invaluable resource to keeping up on things like cleaning, maintenance, and helping in the office, but it doesn't end there. We also need people to give their time and talents on our council and committees, helping to maintain the life this congregation internally and in the community.

The final T, treasure, is one that we often get stuck on. In order for the church to survive and thrive into the future, we need your offerings every week. Costs are going up, which means it will take more resources for the church to be maintained and grow. I know it's a big ask, especially in this current economic climate, but as we read in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We're starting our stewardship campaign a little early this year to give us all more time to see what it is we do for the church and how we can kick it up a notch. There is so much potential here at Emmanuel and it's time we tapped into it, but we can only do it with your help and your giving of your time, talents, and treasures, gifts that God gave for us to use for the benefit of others.

Prayerfully yours,

*Pastor Rob*

## Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

### EMMANUEL CHOIR

Emmanuel choir rehearsals will begin at a **NEW TIME**, **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, at 6:30 pm**, in the downstairs choir room. If you have been unable to attend and join our choir due to your work schedule, we hope the new time will provide this opportunity. Please speak to Ruth Patrick if you would like to join our choir. We are always excited to have new members!

### ORGAN RESTORATION CONCERT AND FUND

Our second Organ Restoration Fund organ recital will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 pm. Area and community organists will provide music and refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be received in aid of the organ fund.

### WELCA/Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

Our Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30 pm in the Parlor. Anyone who subscribes to Gather magazine should bring their October issue to the meeting. Copies of the study will be available for those who don't subscribe to Gather. Ruth Patrick will be the leader and ALL women of Emmanuel are encouraged to attend.

### Emmanuel History with Pastor Rob

Emmanuel has been part of New Philadelphia since the early days of the city. In 1804, the settlers returned to this region years after the first settlement at Schoenbrun had been abandoned and the city was incorporated in 1833. In 1831, the Rev. Emanuel Greenwald came to minister to the Lutherans here, intending to only pass through but ended up staying for 20 years. Also here from the early years was the Presbyterians. Since those early days, we have maintained a close relationship with the Presbyterian congregation here in New Philadelphia. It started with sharing the original courthouse as our house of worship, alternating back and forth each week with who led worship. After those first few years in the courthouse, Emmanuel built it's first church building, which we opened up to the Presbyterian church to use while they constructed their first building across the street. Rev. Greenwald wrote about the dedication of the that first building in the November 1842 edition of the Lutheran Standard magazine. To this day, Pastor Rob of Emmaneul and Pastor Joe Svancara of First Presbyterian continue to work together in the spirit of ecumenical relations with joint worship services in Advent and Lent and working together in our neighborhood and community.

## In Appreciation...

To our Church Family,  
Thank you for the pretty altar flowers. Some days are good, other days not so good, but when Judy Swinehart delivered the flowers to us it was a good day.  
God's Blessings to all,  
Bert and Phyllis Kohler

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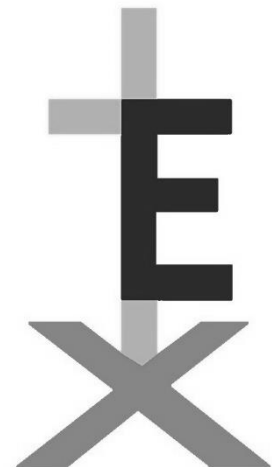
Thank you for the casrds, prayers and bulletins. Mom (Beverly Watson) really appreciates them!  
With love,  
Robin Watson

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I'd like to personally thank the ladies in the church for the phone calls and words of encouragement. I'd also like to thank Bert Kohler for the lovely prayer shawl! Emmaneul shows their caring, respect and love!  
Thanks, from the bottom of my heart!  
Agnes Seward

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Service Committee is collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes we send out every year. On the next pages you will find the lists for each age group. Please consider donating items for the boxes.



## Important Calendar Dates September 2022

6 – Property  
Committee Meeting –  
5:00pm

11 – Rally Day, first  
day of Sunday School  
God’s Work, Our  
Hands Sunday

12 – Council Meeting  
– 6:30pm

18 – Joyful Noise  
Sunday

19 – Messenger  
Deadline

## Worship September

**September 4**  
**Lector:** Marcia Lile  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion  
Assistants from Council)

**September 11**  
**Greeters:** Lori Rainsberg (parking lot)  
Mary Lou Westbrook (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Mary Jane John  
**Usher:** Sylas McClune  
**Communion Assistants:** Bob and Lois  
Victor

**September 18**  
**Greeters:** Tom Yanders (parking lot)  
Bonnie Yanders (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Myrna Hugh  
**Usher:** Tom Yanders  
**Communion Assistants:** Butch and  
Barb Baker

**September 25**  
**Greeters:** Ken Lab (parking lot)  
Lisa Lab (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Barb Rupe  
**Usher:** Neil Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Ken and Lisa  
Lab

## Words of Wisdom:

If you want to  
change the world,  
pick up your pen  
and write.

-Martin Luther

## Volunteers October

**October 2**  
**Lector:** Rob Sterling  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion  
Assistants from Council)

**October 9**  
**Greeters:** Lori Rainsberg (parking lot)  
Mary Lou Westbrook (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Carole Bates  
**Usher:** Dane Smith  
**Communion Assistants:** Dick and  
Myrna Hugh

**October 16**  
**Greeters:** Chuck Moore (parking lot)  
Helaine Moore (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Tom Yanders  
**Usher:** Tom Yanders  
**Communion Assistants:** John and  
Barb Sandy

**October 23**  
**Greeters:** Sylas McCune (parking lot)  
Dorothy Kaufman (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Bob Victor  
**Usher:** Dorothy Kaufman  
**Communion Assistants:** Ward and  
Linda Holdsworth

**October 30**  
**Greeters:** Dane Smith (parking lot)  
Shirley Brug (by bulletins)

**Lector:** Ken Lab  
**Usher:** Shirley Brug  
**Communion Assistants:** Roger and  
Marcia Lile

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Watch past worship services, mid-day devotion videos, Story Time  
from the library and Pastor Rob Presents Fun with Flagons!

